

# African American Reparations Advisory Committee Meeting

December 13, 2021

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## 0:00 | MEETING COMMENCES

## 2:35 | ANNOUNCEMENTS

*COVID-19 Safety Protocol: City Hall BOS Rooms only open Chamber & Committee/Meeting rooms only open to Elected Officials & Support Staff, hence the remote meetings.*

## 3:38 | AGENDA ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

*Present: 12 | Tardy: (Nicole Cunningham, James Lance Taylor,) | Absent: (Rico Hamilton[Appeared briefly but left due to being sick])*

## 5:01 | AGENDA ITEM 2: FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

*Committee Secretary notifies the Committee that under AB 361, the Commission must vote to adopt modified Brown Act teleconferencing provisions.*

*7:12 | Public Comment by Brenda Barros asking for the justification of the Provisions. Juell Stewart explains that it's a formality.*

*8:18 | Public Comment by Cheryl Thornton expresses the want for a hybrid meeting for the future when meetings go in person.*

*9:50 | Committee Member James Taylor comes to the meeting, had problems initially getting in the meeting*

*10:05 | Committee Member Aniete Ekanem suggests adding a link to the legislation to the agenda for easy access*

*10:27 | Committee Member Gloria Berry proposes the **MOTION** to adopt the revised teleconferencing rules*

*10:36 | **MOTION** is seconded by Committee Member {?}*

*11:05 | **MOTION** to adopt revised teleconferencing rules passes through acclamation*

## 11:17 | AGENDA ITEM 3: FILLMORE CORRIDOR UPDATE

*11:47 | Point of order from HRC Director Sheryl Davis on clarifying that Item 3 is out of order. Chair McDonnell and Secretary Stuart clarify that the agenda changed and should be notified from the beginning of meetings in the future.*

**12:50** | *Kate Sofis starts speaking on the **FILLMORE CORRIDOR UPDATE***  
*OEWD expresses focus on Fillmore Corridor. Fillmore Corridor has vacancies and should be filled with businesses that represent the community. Updates will be communicated later in January. Asks for direction from the committee.*

**17:30** | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

**27:34** | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

**27:53** | *President of BOS Shamann Walton Comments*

**28:59** | *Chair opens committee discussion*

**Member Rev Brown** speaks on Fillmore Corridor Update

**Member Ekanem** speaks, requests report by OEWD on lost land due to imminent domain, map of OEWD investments in the past 30 years and to who, what cultural neighborhoods do you support directly & indirectly

**Member Berry** expresses disappointment on Fillmore Corridor Update and asks questions to Kate Sofis

**44:07** | *Director Davis comments on alternative spaces to Fillmore Heritage Center*

**48:27** | **Member Daniel Landry** comments

**52:38** | **Member Carter** comments

**53:31** | **Member Rev Brown** comments

*Expresses full support of ALL Black people of every neighborhood in the city*

**56:41** | **AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Chair McDonnell opens public comment for items not on the agenda*

**1:10:52** | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

**1:11:05** | **AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 8 MEETING RECORDING**

**1:12:13** | *Committee Member Gwen Brown makes a motion **MOTION** adopt November 8 meeting recording*

**1:12:18** | *Member Gloria Berry abstains*

**1:12:29** | *Member Ekanem seconds the **MOTION***

**1:12:39** | ***MOTION** to adopt November 8 meeting recording passes through acclamation*

**1:12:57 | AGENDA ITEM 6: SAN FRANCISCO TRUTH, JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION**

*San Francisco Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission James Bell & Fania Davis gives a presentation that explains their organization and expresses the desire to work together and wants to ensure alignment of efforts.*

**1:37:40 | Chair McDonnell opens public comment**

**1:44:48 | Vice-Chair Hollins closes public comment and opens committee discussion**

**2:01:05 | Member Ekanem suggests that we have an accessible immutable repository of Black stories potentially in video/audio form**

**2:06:00 | Chair McDonnell closes committee discussion**

**2:06:19 | AGENDA ITEM 7: CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE UPDATE**

*HRC Chief of Staff, Brittini Chicuata, gives a presentation of the background, definitions, limitations, and changes regarding the Certificate of Preference Program.*

**2:22:25 | Chair McDonnell opens public comment**

**2:25:47 | Chair McDonnell closes public comment and opens committee discussion**

**2:49:34 | Chair McDonnell closes committee discussion**

**2:49:48 | AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT REVIEW AND SUBCOMMITTEE ROLES**

*Chair McDonnell gives updates on several topics. Chair McDonnell & HRC Director Davis attended the National Reparations symposium. Intent to work with Stanford Law School & their Black students/lawyers to research laws regarding reparation efforts. Dr. Goddard & Dr. Nobles want to support HRC/AARAC in research efforts. HRC Director Davis presents December 2021 committee report.*

**3:13:44 | Chair McDonnell opens public comment**

**3:19:33 | Chair McDonnell closes public comment and opens committee discussion**

**3:39:11 | Chair McDonnell closes committee discussion**

**3:39:14 | AGENDA ITEM 9: COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*Chair McDonnell asks members to volunteer to be a part of a small design team of collateral material, then asks leads of committees to map out how to hold community engagements.*

**3:47:08 | Chair McDonnell opens public comment**

**3:52:27** | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment and opens committee discussion*

**3:57:21** | *Chair McDonnell closes committee discussion*

**3:57:56** | **MOTION** to adjourn from Committee Member Gloria Berry

**3:58:18** | **MOTION** is seconded by Committee Member Rev Brown

**3:58:33** | **MEETING ADJOURNED** by Chair McDonnell